

More than \$169,000 will replace critical life saving equipment

Burlington County - Congressman John Adler today announced a \$169,575 federal grant for the Moorestown Fire District # 1. The federal funding is intended to support the recruitment and retention of firefighters, through additional resources and training.

"Our first responders risk their lives to protect our families and keep our community safe," Congressman Adler said. "Burlington County's firefighters deserve our gratitude and their fair share of federal resources."

Moorestown Fire District # 1 will use the funds to purchase new air packs for its firefighters. Presently, Moorestown firefighters are equipped with retrofitted air packs purchased as far back as 1982. According to the department, the funds announced today will replace the dated air packs.

"The safety of our firefighters is a top priority," said Moorestown Mayor Dan Roccato. "I am grateful for Congressman Adler's commitment to making sure they have the resources to keep them safe."

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency awarded this grant under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. These funds will enhance the ability of fire departments to attain and maintain 24-hour staffing and to assure that our communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards.

Last year, Congressman Adler hosted several workshops to ensure local public safety departments were informed about the federal grant process. He supported the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which provided increased funding for Assistance to Firefighters Grants.